FORMS OF PAYMENT THAT THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE STORAGE FACILITY MUST ACCEPT

CHAPTER 510

H.B. No. 804

AN ACT

relating to the forms of payment that the operator of a vehicle storage facility must accept.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2303.159, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

- (a) The operator of a vehicle storage facility shall accept each of the following forms of payment [by an electronic check, debit card, or credit card] for any charge associated with delivery or storage of a vehicle:
 - (1) cash;
 - (2) debit card; and
 - (3) credit card.
- (a-1) The operator of a vehicle storage facility shall conspicuously post a sign that states: "This vehicle storage facility must accept payment by cash, [an electronic check,] credit card, and [or] debit card for any fee or charge associated with delivery or storage of a vehicle." The operator of a vehicle storage facility may not refuse to release a vehicle based on the inability of the facility to accept payment by [electronic check,] debit card[,] or credit card of a fee or charge associated with delivery or storage of the vehicle unless the operator, through no fault of the operator, is unable to accept the [electronic check,] debit card[,] or credit card because of a power outage or a machine malfunction.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on April 23, 2015: Yeas 137, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 23, 2015: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Approved June 16, 2015.

Effective September 1, 2015.

DISCLOSURE OF HOME MORTGAGE INFORMATION TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE

CHAPTER 511

H.B. No. 831

AN ACT

relating to disclosure of home mortgage information to a surviving spouse.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 343, Finance Code, is amended by adding Section 343.103 to read as follows:

Sec. 343.103. DISCLOSURE OF MORTGAGE INFORMATION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE. (a) In this section:

- (1) "Estate" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.012, Estates Code.
- (2) "Heir" has the meaning assigned by Section 22.015, Estates Code.
- (3) "Mortgage servicer" and "mortgagor" have the meanings assigned by Section 51.0001, Property Code.
- (b) Not later than the 30th day after a mortgage servicer of a home loan receives a

request for the information from the surviving spouse of a mortgagor of the home loan, accompanied by the proof required under Subsection (c), the mortgage servicer shall provide the surviving spouse with information that the mortgagor would have received in a standard monthly statement, including:

- (1) the current balance information, including the due dates and the amount of any installments;
 - (2) whether the loan is current and any amounts that are delinquent;
 - (3) any loan number; and
 - (4) the amount of any escrow deposit for taxes and insurance purposes.
- (c) A surviving spouse must prove the person's status by providing:
 - (1) a death certificate of the mortgagor;
- (2) an affidavit of disinterested witnesses that is in the form referenced in Section 203.002, Estates Code, including language stating that the surviving spouse was married to the mortgagor at the time of the mortgagor's death; and
- (3) an affidavit signed by the surviving spouse stating that the surviving spouse is currently residing in the underlying mortgaged property as the primary residence.
- (d) The request from the surviving spouse must also include a notice to the mortgage servicer that states in bold-faced, capital, or underlined letters: "THIS REQUEST IS MADE PURSUANT TO TEXAS FINANCE CODE SECTION 343.103. SUBSEQUENT DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THE GRAMM-LEACH-BLILEY ACT UNDER 15 U.S.C. SECTION 6802(e)(8)."
- (e) A mortgage servicer that provides the information as required under this section is not liable to the estate of the mortgagor or any heir or beneficiary of the mortgagor as a result of providing this information to the surviving spouse.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

Passed by the House on May 5, 2015: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2015: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Effective September 1, 2015.

CERTAIN HOLDERS OF MOTOR HOME MANUFACTURER'S AND DEALER'S LICENSES

CHAPTER 512

H.B. No. 833

AN ACT

relating to certain holders of motor home manufacturer's and dealer's licenses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 2301.476(h), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

- (h) A person who on June 7, 1995, held both a motor home manufacturer's license and a motor home dealer's license issued under this chapter may:
 - (1) [continue to] hold:
 - (A) a motor home manufacturer's license;
 - (B) a general distinguishing number issued under Chapter 503, Transportation Code; and
 - (C) not more than two franchised dealer's licenses [both licenses]; and
 - (2) operate as both a manufacturer and dealer of motor homes but of no other type of vehicle.